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Senate

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the State of Virginia.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, thank You for not leaving us solely to our own resources. You have provided us with the witness of nature and the testimony of sacred scriptures to lead us toward certainty. You protect us from dangers and empower us to run and not grow weary.

Strengthen our lawmakers for today's work. Lead them through these confused and troubled times to the road that fulfills Your plans. Bless them with productivity and progress for Your glory. Lord, help them learn how to better serve You by serving others. Fill this Chamber with Your presence and our Senators with supernatural power to discern and do Your will. Enable them to live out their lives in the spirit of unselfish service.

We pray in Your loving Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JIM WEBB led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 22, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JIM WEBB, a Senator from the State of Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. WEBB thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today following the remarks of the two leaders, the Senate will conduct a period of morning business for 1 hour. The time in morning business will be equally divided and controlled between the leaders or their designees. The Senate will then resume the Labor appropriations bill.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

I ask unanimous consent that after the morning business time has expired, whatever time Senator MCCONNELL and I may use will not be deemed to go against the morning business for other Senators.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, last Friday there was a 1 p.m. filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill. Today we should have a good idea of which amendments will be offered and will require rollcall votes. The Senate will vote today at 5:30 and there could be more than one rollcall vote. We will complete action on this bill tomorrow morning, so Members should be pre-

pared to cast a number of votes prior to the Senate recessing for the caucus luncheons on Tuesday.

I have had my staff check with the managers of the bill and their staffs, and there could be anywhere from one to five votes tonight. It is up to the managers of this bill. Senators will be advised of that at some subsequent time.

I note the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE AND FISA

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am so pleased the Presiding Officer is the junior Senator from the State of Virginia. I don't believe there is a Senator during these last 9 months who has added more structure to the Iraq debate than the Senator from Virginia. I say that because today I received a call from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Mr. Nussle, who said: I am going to send you the rest of the supplemental appropriations bill for the war in Iraq. I said: Thank you very much.

We are now being asked to appropriate another \$200 billion for 2008 for the war in Iraq. Another \$200 billion. That is \$200 billion on top of the \$450 billion in the Defense appropriations bill. That is \$650 billion—none of it paid for. The entire war in Iraq has been paid for with borrowed money. We are borrowing money from China, India, Saudi Arabia, Japan, and Mexico to finance this war.

When we sent a bipartisan—and I mean bipartisan—children's health

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